

Introduced by Committee on Business and Professions (Senators Figueroa (Chair), Johannessen, Machado, Morrow, Murray, and O'Connell)

February 22, 2002

An act to amend Section 2190.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians and surgeons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2019, as introduced, Committee on Business and Professions. Physicians and surgeons: continuing education.

Existing law requires physicians and surgeons to complete a mandatory continuing education course in pain management and the treatment of terminally ill patients. Existing law provides that this requirement does not apply to physicians practicing pathology or radiology.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2190.5 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 2190.5. (a) All physicians and surgeons shall complete a
- 4 mandatory continuing education course in the subjects of pain
- 5 management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients.
- 6 For the purposes of this section, this course shall be a one-time
- 7 requirement of 12 credit hours within the required minimum

1 established by regulation, to be completed by December 31, 2006.
2 All physicians licensed on and after January 1, 2002, shall
3 complete this requirement within four years of their initial license
4 or by their second renewal date, whichever occurs first. The board
5 may verify completion of this requirement on the renewal
6 application form.

7 (b) By regulatory action the board may exempt physicians by
8 practice status category from the requirement in subdivision (a) if
9 the physician does not engage in direct patient care, does not
10 provide patient consultations, or does not reside in the State of
11 California.

12 (c) This section shall not apply to physicians practicing in
13 pathology or radiology ~~specialty~~ *specialty* areas.

